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HUBERT H. HUMPHREY PAPERS
An Inventory of His Mayor's Office Files

OVERVIEW

- Creator:** Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978.
Title: Mayor's office files.
Date: 1940-1948 (bulk 1945-1948).
Quantity: 23.0 cu. ft. (23 boxes)
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS

Correspondence, reports, background materials, and related papers on Minneapolis city boards, commissions, and committees; on issues and problems related to municipal government or to Humphrey personally or in his role as mayor; and on the general governance of the city. Many of the files and letters concern such topics as housing, human relations, the City Council, the city charter, taxation and finance, police, labor disputes, city celebrations and community activities, public health and welfare, and civic and commercial organizations. Some files contain items that predate Humphrey's service as mayor.

ORGANIZATION

The files are organized into four sections: General Correspondence; Subject Files; Minneapolis Commissions, Committees, and Departments; and Publicity.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Processing Information:

Catalog ID No.: 1735846

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Note to Researchers: No internal organization or physical work has been done on the correspondence; the other files have received minor file correlation and weeding. To request materials, please note both the location and box number shown below.

General Correspondence, 1944-1948. 6 boxes and 1 partial box.

Incoming and copies of outgoing letters, arranged roughly alphabetically by name of organization or surname of correspondent. They cover congratulations and commendations, personal contacts, gifts, greetings and friendly messages, requests for assistance or information, invitations, appointments, requests for city jobs or letters of recommendation, Humphrey's support for various organizations, Minneapolis and Minnesota issues and concerns, complaints, political affairs, the Humphrey office, financial matters, and other general topics.

Location	Box	
150.A.5.1B	1	1944 - February 1945, A-Z. 1 folder. About 100 items, consolidated from a set of individual folders. 1944 - June 1945, A-Z. Labeled "personal correspondence," but content is the same as the rest of the general correspondence files. June-December 1945, A-G.
150.A.5.2F	2	June-December 1945, H-V.
150.A.5.3B	3	June-December 1945, W-Z. 1946, A-K.
150.A.5.4F	4	1946, L-Z. 1947, A-Bh.
150.A.5.5B	5	1947, Bi-N.
150.A.5.6F	6	1947, O-Z. 1948, A-I.
150.A.5.7B	7	1948, J-Z.

Subject Files, 1946-1948. 6 boxes and 2 partial boxes.

Correspondence, memoranda, circular letters, clippings, and a variety of printed and mimeographed materials concerning organizations, events, and issues of concern to the city of Minneapolis or of interest to Humphrey personally. They include files on labor disputes, wartime and other federal agencies and regulations, relief and philanthropic groups, civic and commercial organizations, city of Minneapolis celebrations and community activities, and world government.

The files are arranged alphabetically. Some are related to files in the Minneapolis Commissions, Committees, and Departments files (see below). Although the majority of the files cover the period 1946-1948, some contains materials from earlier years. Some variant dates, especially for files containing pre-1946 items or for those covering only a single year, are noted on the folder list below.

Location	Box	
150.A.5.7B	7	Subject File Index. File list prepared by the Humphrey office. It does not correspond precisely to the actual files. Airlines: Charter Service. AFL [American Federation of Labor]. American Federation of Teachers. Anonymous Letters. Aquatennial, 1947-1948. 2 folders. Aquatennial Association Membership, [1945]. Aquatennial Award Letters. Aquatennial Mayors Committee.
150.A.5.8F	8	Army Advisory Committee: Bulletins. Army Advisory Committee: Correspondence. Associated Industries of Minneapolis: Newsletters. Baseball. Bemis Bag Company [Labor] Dispute. Blood Bank: Minneapolis War Memorial. Boos Dental Laboratories Dispute [Strike], 1948. Boy Scouts. Boy Scout Civic Day. Bus Lines. CARE. 2 folders. Calhoun Beach Club Committee. Cancer Society, Minnesota. Carpenters [Labor] Dispute. Ceman, Paul R. Centennial Committee, Minneapolis, 1948.

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150.A.5.8F	8	Central Heating Plant. Chamber of Commerce, Minneapolis. Charter Amendment No. 11, 1946. 3 folders. For low income housing. See also: "Housing," "Neighborhood Redevelopment Act. Child Care Centers. Church Federation, Minneapolis. CIO [Congress of Industrial Organizations]. Civic Council, Minneapolis. Civic Center Development Association. Civic Improvement Foundation. Civil Defense. Civil Service Commission: George Phillips Successor. Civilian Production Administration. Clean-Up, Paint-Up Campaign. Comic Books, 1948. Common Cause, Inc. Community Chest. Congregational Church: Social Action Program, 1947. Consolidated Press Clipping Bureaus. Conventions, 1947-1948. 2 folders. Council of Social Agencies. County Commissioner: Successor for Ralph Dickman.
150.A.6.1B	9	Cranks, 1947-1948. 2 folders. Davis, Sam, 1948. Distinguished Service Awards. Duluth Glass Block [Labor] Dispute. Dump, 58th and Cedar. Dyckman Hotel, 1943-1946. Election Judges [Clippings]. Elections: Letters to Candidates. Erickson Cafe [Labor] Dispute. Fager, Frank. Family Welfare Association of Minneapolis. Federal Hospital Aid. Federal Public Works Program. Food Conservation: Bulletins. Food Conservation: Correspondence, 1945-1948. 3 folders. Freedom Train, 1948. Freeman, William: Chestnut Dairy Stores Case, [1943-1946]. Fuel Oil Shortage.

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150.A.6.1B	9	Gas Company [Minneapolis Gas Light Company]. Glen Lake Sanatorium. Grade Separation. Grain Weighers [Labor] Dispute. Greater Minneapolis Association, 1945-1946. Greek Affairs. Gregerson, Mrs. William, Lily, South Dakota, 1948. Grocers [Labor] Dispute. Halloween Committee. Heart Hospital. Hennepin County Affairs. Hennepin County Grand Jury. History of Minneapolis. Home and Property Owners Association. Hospital [Labor] Dispute. Housing, 1945-1947. See also: "Charter Amendment No. 11," "Neighborhood Redevelopment Act." HHH Personal: Man of the Year, 1947. Humphrey for Secretary of Commerce, 1946. I Am An American Day, 1946-1948. 2 folders. Independent Citizens Committee.
150.A.6.2F	10	Inland Waterways, 1945-1948. 5 folders. Insulation [Labor] Dispute, 1947. International Harvester Plant, 1945. Jewish Council, Minnesota, 1946. Junior Association of Commerce, 1947-1948. 2 folders. Kenny Institute, 1946-1948. 3 folders. Labor Disputes. Labor Law. Labor Legislation. Labor-Management Bulletins, 1947. Labor-Management: City Employees. Labor-Management: Correspondence, 1945-1948. League of Minnesota Municipalities. League of Minnesota Municipalities: Correspondence. League of Women Voters. Legislature: Minnesota. Case of C. Graham McGuire, [War Production Board, 1943-1946]. Memos, 1947. Mereen-Johnson Machine Company [Labor] Dispute.

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150.A.6.2F	10	Milk Control Legislation, [1943-1946]. Milk Dealers [Labor] Dispute, 1946. Millworkers [Labor] Dispute, 1946. Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator [Labor] Dispute, 1947. Minneapolis Launderers and Cleaners Association: WLB [War Labor Board] Case, 1943-1945. Minneapolis Moline [Labor] Dispute, 1946. Minnesota Congressional Delegation: Correspondence. Minnesota Farmers Union. Minnesota Poll. Primarily printed poll results. Minnesota State Organization of the Blind.
150.A.6.3B	11	Missouri Valley Authority. Morris and Christie [Grocery] Case, 1945. (Office of Price Administration) Mount Sinai Hospital Project. Municipal Forum. Municipal News, Minneapolis. Municipal Report. Music Council, Minneapolis, 1946. National Municipal League. Neighborhood Redevelopment Act, 1946. See also: "Charter Amendment No. 11," "Housing." Northern States Power Company. Northern States Power [Labor] Dispute, 1945-1946. Northwest Airlines Dispute (Back Pay Claims), 1948. North Star [Drama] Guild [Labor] Dispute, 1946. Norway Chorus. OPA [Office of Price Administration]. 2 folders. OPA Consumers Education Committee. OPA Regulations: Food and Food Products, [1943-1946]. OPA Rent Control: Evictions, V. T. Cavanaugh, 1947. Oja, Eugene E., 1947-1948. Olympic Invitation Committee. Operating Engineers [Labor] Dispute, 1947. Packing House Workers [Labor] Dispute, 1948. Parades. Payroll, Income Tax, etc., 1943-1946. Pen Pals and Foreign Letters. Physically Handicapped Week. Political Action Committee. Postmaster, Appointments and Recommendations.

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150.A.6.3B	11	Price Control. Proclamations, 1946-1948. 3 folders. Progress Priority Committee. Public Safety Building. Railroad Brotherhoods. Reception Room Reservations. Red Cross: Bulletins. Red Cross: Correspondence.
150.A.6.4F	12	Safety Council: Greater Minneapolis. Salary Schedules. Sand and Gravel: Paving Contracts. Sandstone Correctional Institution. Schedules, Mayor's, 1948. 2 folders. Scholastic Art Awards Committee, State of Minnesota. School Teachers [Labor] Dispute, 1947. School Teachers Strike, 1948. 2 folders. "The Search," 1948. Concerning this movie on displaced persons. South Park Foundry and Manufacturing [Company]: Julius Goldberg, 1944. Sta-Vis Oil Company and Industrial Grease and Drum Company, 1945. Stouffer Restaurant [Labor] Dispute. Street Railway. Streets and Crossings: Clippings. Streets and Crossings (incl. Grade Separation): Correspondence. Student Industrial Seminar, 1947. Surplus Properties. Taft-Ellender-Wagner Bill, 1947-1948. Taxicabs: Need for More. Telegrams, 1948. Telephone Dispute [Strike], 1947. Telephone Workers Wage Dispute, 1948. Theaters: Construction. Toledo Plan, 1947. Tri-City Revenues Committee, 1948. Twin City Arsenal [Closing], 1947. United Labor Committee.

Location	Box	
150.A.6.4F	12	United Nations. United Nations [Minnesota United Nations Committee], 1940-1944. Folders 1-3. Bulletins, reprints, mimeographed releases, British publications, and correspondence relating to the United Nations and other world government and peace organizations. Other topics in this file: Atlantic Charter, Bretton Woods, Dumbarton Oaks. Materials have been sorted by year only.
150.A.6.5B	13	United Nations [Minnesota United Nations Committee], 1944-1947. Folders 4-7 and 1 volume. United Nations Week, Sept. 14-20, 1947. U.S. Conference of Mayors, 1945-1948. 3 folders. U.S. Congress, 1948. U.S. Employment Service Labor Market. United World Federalists. Universal Military Training. University of Minnesota. Veterans Affairs: Correspondence, 1945-1948. 2 folders. Veterans Employment Rights Committee. Veterans Information and Referral Office. Vic Cleaning Machine Company [Labor] Dispute, 1947. Vocational Guidance Association, Minneapolis, 1948. A directory of agencies. Voting Machines. Walker Art Center, 1948. War Chest [of Minneapolis and Hennepin County], 1945-1947. Washington Newsletter, 1948. Welcome Letters. Winzen, Otto C., 1948. World Government, 1947-1949. 3 folders.
150.A.6.6F	14	World Government, 1947-1949. 1 folder. X-Ray Committee. Youth Center.

Minneapolis Commissions, Committees, and Departments. 7 boxes, 1 partial box.

Correspondence, memoranda, reports, circular letters, minutes, clippings, and background materials of or regarding various governing and oversight departments, commissions, and committees of the city of Minneapolis. The files are arranged alphabetically by name of department, commission, or other body. There is considerable overlap among the various files.

Many of the files deal directly or indirectly with a major study of city administration, services, and finances undertaken during 1946-1947 by the Mayor's Tax and Finance Commission. Other primary topics are city charter amendments, human relations, public health and welfare, and the police department. The files generally cover the years 1945-1948, although a few contain reference materials from earlier years.

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150.A.6.6F	14	City Organization Chart. City <u>A</u> ttorney, 1947-1948. Auditorium (Municipal). Building Commission (Municipal). Building Department. Building Department: Smoke Inspector's Office. City Charter [Amendment]: Proposal Submitted to City Council, Dec. 26, 1947. Proposed New City Charter. Synopsis of Proposed New City Charter. Proposed New City Charter: Criticisms and Suggestions. Charter Commission. Citizens Charter Committee. Correspondence. Council Size. HHH Material for Charter Speeches. 2 folders. Primarily printed items. Income Tax. League of Women Voters. Organized Labor. Public Hearings. School Amendment, Oct. 1948. Statements. Taxpayers Suit. Charter Amendment Election, Dec. 6, 1948. News Clippings. Folder 1.
150.A.6.7B	15	News Clippings. Folders 2-4.

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150.A.6.7B	15	Civil Service Commission. 2 folders. City Comptroller: Correspondence. City Comptroller: Reports. 3 folders. City Council: Correspondence. 3 folders. City Council: Salary Veto Message, July 3, 1947. County Commissioners, Board of. Education, Board of: Correspondence. 2 folders. Emergency School Finance Committee. City <u>E</u> ngineer. City <u>E</u> ngineer: Traffic Engineer. Estimate and Taxation, Board of: Correspondence. Minneapolis <u>F</u> air Employment Practices Commission: Correspondence. 2 folders. Minneapolis FEPC Ordinance. State FEPC Ordinance.
150.A.6.8F	16	Fire Department: Correspondence. Fire Department: Reports. Includes annual reports, 1945-1947. Library Board [Minneapolis Public Library]. 2 folders. Correspondence, reports, printed materials. Mayor's Committee for the Study of Alcoholism: Correspondence. Mayor's Council on Human Relations: Agenda, Minutes, Reports. Contributions. Correspondence. 2 folders. Fair Play in Bowling. 2 folders. Housing and Rental Restrictions. Personnel. Police. Education of the police force in the Minnesota equal rights law. Program, Statement of Purpose. Publicity.

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150.A.6.8F	16	Mayor's Council on Human Relations: Community Self-Surveys: General File. Civic Organizations Committee. Education and Training Committee. Health and Hospitals Committee. Industry and Labor Committee. Real Estate and Housing Committee. Recreation Services Committee. Religious Organizations Committee. Welfare Services Committee. Mayor's Council on Human Relations: Background Files: American Council on Race Relations [Reports]. Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons [Correspondence]. National Citizens Council on Civil Rights [Correspondence] National Conference of Christians and Jews [Board of Directors].
150.A.7.1B	17	Palestine. Speech Materials: FEPC and Human Relations. Urban League, Minneapolis. Mayor's Emergency Housing Committee: Correspondence. Minutes. Press Releases. Summary Plan [of organization]. Mayor's Health Advisory Committee: Bulletins and Reports. Correspondence. Membership. Minutes. Mayor's Law Enforcement Committee: Correspondence. Minutes. Speeches and Presentations, Bradshaw Mintener, Personnel. Proposed Ordinance. Mayor's Office: Budget. Contingency Fund. 3 folders. Mainly bills and receipts. Myrtle Cain. Personnel, Supplies, etc. 2 folders. Use of Car.

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150.A.7.1B	17	Mayor's Tax and Finance Commission: Minutes. Proceedings, Agenda, Reports. 2 folders and 1 volume. Also includes correspondence and memos. Personnel [members]. Expenditures. City-School Joint Appeal. Commendations, Criticism, Suggestions.
150.A.7.2F	18	Contributions to Minneapolis Survey Fund. (to survey financial operations of Minneapolis city government) [Debt Committee]. [Expenditure Subcommittee] Public Administration Service. Examination of administration and services of municipal departments by this consulting firm. Public Administration Service: Public Relations Program. Public Administration Service: Public Health and Welfare Survey [report]. HHH Personal: Revenues, Licenses, and Debt Payment. [Actually, Tax Commission surveys and reports] Revenue Subcommittee.] Revenue Subcommittee: Reports. Research Committee [Final] Report. Also includes an assortment of other reports. [Miscellaneous tax, revenue, and finance materials found loose in box.] Minneapolis Youth Commission: Correspondence. Mayor's Youth Welfare Committee, 1945-1946. Membership. Miscellaneous. National Conference on Prevention and Control of Juvenile Delinquency. 3 folders. Statement by HHH. Municipal Employees Retirement Board: Correspondence.

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150.A.7.2F	18	Park Board: Armour Golf Club. Correspondence. 2 folders.
150.A.7.3B	19	Parade Grounds Project, 1944. Powderhorn Park Project, 1946. Planning Commission: Correspondence. 4 folders. Planning Commission: South West Diagonal Association. Police Department: [General File]. 3 folders. Miscellaneous correspondence and memos. Organization Chart. Police <u>B</u> and. Brochures. Daily <u>B</u> ulletin. Burlesque. Investigations, license revocation. Kid <u>C</u> ann Episode. City Council Committee. Clippings. Commendations. Complaints. 3 folders. Courtesy Cards. Crime Truck [mobile laboratory] DeJarlais Case, 1947. Suspension of police officers. Equipment. Factual Data. Assorted statistics and reports. Includes printed annual reports, 1944 and 1945. Gambling. Police <u>I</u> nstructions. Mostly mayor's letters and memos. Juvenile Division. Juvenile Police Advisory Committee. Law Observance Sunday. License Inspector. License Revocations: Beverages, etc. Mainly liquor and gambling violations, but other types are also included.

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150.A.7.3B	19	License Revocations: Taxicabs. License Revocations: Taxicabs: Mattson. License Revocations: Taxicabs: Watson. License: Theater, 1947. Liquor License.
150.A.7.4F	20	Liquor License: Lally. Liquor License Ordinance. Missing Persons Bureau. Montgomery-McMoore Case. Police brutality complaint. Northeast Youth Center. Personnel. Police: Need for More. Police Chief Recommendations. Police Federation. Police Pensions. Police Survey. "Report on Survey of Police Services, City of Minneapolis," Public Administration Service, Jan. 1947. 1 volume. School Patrol. Shetsky [Murder] Case. Smith, Gerald L. K. White-supremist meeting and public disorder. Soltau, Henry J. Vice and morals complaints by Soltau, director of the Minnesota Good Government League. Taxicab Ordinance. Traffic Division. 3 folders. Training. Polio Research Commission (Minnesota): [General File]. Polio Clippings. Polio Epidemic Correspondence. 3 folders.

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150.A.7.4F	20	Public Welfare Board: Correspondence. Folder 1.
150.A.7.5B	21	Correspondence. Folder 2. Health Division: Correspondence. 2 folders. Proposed Rubbish Ordinance. Rat Control. Hospitals Division: [Minneapolis] General Hospital. General Hospital. 2 folders. Jensen Infant Death Case. 3 folders. General Hospital Survey. General Hospital Employee Classification, 1947-1948. General Hospital Psychiatric Ward. New Hospital Plans. 1 folder, 1 volume. Hospitals Division: Parkview Sanatorium. Relief Division: Correspondence. Rehabilitation Center Committee: Bulletins and Reports. Correspondence. Minutes. City <u>R</u> esearch Engineer: [General File]. Primarily correspondence and memos concerned with various aspects of city administration and finances. Salary Classification. Sanitary District, Minneapolis-St. Paul: Correspondence. Smoke Committee: Correspondence. (Mayor's Committee on Smoke Abatement and Atmospheric Pollution) Teachers Retirement Fund: Correspondence. Traffic Advisory Committee: Old [1945-1947]. New [1947-1948].

Publicity, 1945-1948. 2 boxes.

Copies of publicity items relating to Humphrey that appeared in trade and organizational journals, anniversary and dedication brochures, celebration flyers, newspaper ads and clippings, and other media, all arranged chronologically. Also included are Humphrey-related editorials and letters to the editor from area newspapers for 1947-1948, many with carbon copies of Humphrey's letters in response.

Location	Box	
150.A.7.6F	22	Undated and May-December, 1945. 3 folders. Undated and January-December, 1946. 10 folders. Undated and January-May, 1947. 3 folders.
150.A.7.7B	23	June-December, 1947. 6 folders. Undated and January-November, 1948. 6 folders. Editorials, undated and January 1947 - November 1948. 5 folders.